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Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled:

"Sustainable development and international economic cooperation:

"(a) Implementation of and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development:

(i) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries;

(ii) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;

"(b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy;

"(c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II);

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"(d) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership;

"(e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s;

"(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development;

"(g) Cultural development"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 16th to 18th, 27th, 28th, 30th and 31st meetings, on 19, 20, 29 and 30 October and 2 November 1998. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/53/SR.16–18, 27, 28, 30 and 31). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 7th meetings, on 6, 8 and 9 October (see A/C.2/53/SR.3–7). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be given in addenda to the present report, as follows:

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3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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Report of the Secretary-General on the utilization of the development dividend (A/53/374)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system (A/53/296)

Letter dated 26 January 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/60)

Letter dated 26 January 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/62)

Letter dated 2 February 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the report of the International Conference on Preventive Strategy, held at Tokyo from 13 to 15 January 1998 (A/53/63–S/1998/100)

Letter dated 5 February 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of Bangladesh, India and Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Joint Declaration of the Bangladesh-India-Pakistan Business Summit, held at Dhaka on 15 January 1998 (A/53/69)

Letter dated 23 February 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General,

transmitting the final communiqué of the eighth session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held at Tehran from 9 to 11 December 1997 (A/53/72–S/1998/156)

Letter dated 8 April 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final communiqué of the twenty-fifth session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held at Doha from 15 to 17 March 1998 (A/53/95–S/1998/311)

Letter dated 9 April 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the declaration by the Heads of State of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan on the further intensification of regional integration, and the Tashkent Declaration of 26 March 1998 on the United Nations special programme for the economies of Central Asia (A/53/96)

Letter dated 14 May 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/124)

Letter dated 23 June 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of Turkey and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/155)

Note verbale dated 1 July 1998 from the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Yalta Summit Declaration adopted on 5 June 1998 by the Heads of State or Government of the Participating States of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (A/53/168)

Letter dated 22 July 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/204)

Letter dated 10 September 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of the Russian Federation and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/371–S/1998/848)

Letter dated 15 September 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Kyrgyzstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/396)

Letter dated 17 September 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of Georgia and Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/411)

Letter dated 17 September 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of Armenia and Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/412)

Letter dated 16 September 1998 from the Permanent Representative of the Federated States of Micronesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué of the twenty-ninth South Pacific Forum, held at Palikir, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, on 24 and 25 August 1998 (A/53/416)

Letter dated 30 September 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/447 and Corr.1)

Letter dated 30 September 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Turkmenistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/453)

Letter dated 11 November 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, addressed to the Chairman of the Second Committee (A/53/664)

Letter dated 8 October 1998 from the representatives of Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Baku Declaration adopted at the International Conference on Restoration of the Historic Silk Route, held at Baku on 7 and 8 September 1998 (A/C.2/53/4)

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development

Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (A/53/301)

(b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/336 and Add.1)

Note verbale dated 10 July 1998 from the Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/174)

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Report of the Secretary-General on proposals on the scope and organizational aspects of the special session of the General Assembly on the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda (A/53/267)

Report of the Secretary-General on an assessment of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (A/53/512)

(d) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Letter dated 9 March 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of Japan and Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Co-Chairmen's summary report on the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development, held at Dakar on 2 and 3 March 1998 (A/53/85)

Letter dated 29 October 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Chisinau Statement on Trilateral Cooperation, signed by the Presidents of the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine on 22 October 1998 (A/53/575)

(e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Note by the Secretariat (A/53/553)

Letter dated 30 September 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the declaration adopted by the Ministers of the Least Developed Countries at their eighth annual meeting, held at United Nations Headquarters on 28 September 1998 (A/C.2/53/3)

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (A/53/407)

(g) Cultural development

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on cultural development (A/53/321)

4. At the 16th meeting, on 19 October, introductory statements under sub-item (a) were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the representative to the United Nations and Director of the New York Office of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (see A/C.2/53/SR.16).

5. At the 17th meeting, on 20 October, the Director of the Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement under sub-item (b) (see A/C.2/53/SR.17).

6. At the 18th meeting, on 20 October, introductory statements were made by the Officer-in-Charge of the Division for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs under sub-item (d), and the representative to the United Nations and Director of the New York Office of UNESCO under sub-item (g) (see A/C.2/53/SR.18).

7. At the 27th meeting, on 29 October, the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund made an introductory statement under sub-item (f) (see A/C.2/53/SR.27).

8. At the 28th meeting, on 29 October, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and Acting Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements made a statement under sub-item (c) (see A/C.2/53/SR.28).